



# New Assessment Coordinator Webinar

September 13, 2017

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

When will the graduation rate appeal window be open this year?

Graduation Rate Appeal Window will open on December 1 and will close on December 29.  
For more information

If we have new seniors who missed the SAT in another state, will the state pay for the test this fall?

According to the proposed College Entrance Examination Rule, seniors are exempt from taking the SAT if a student transfers in from out of state to an Idaho high school in their senior year. It is up to the district to allow the student to take the SAT. If the district allows the senior to take the SAT, the senior must take the SAT on Idaho SAT School Day with the juniors for the state to pay for the assessment.

Is the Science Assessment aligned to form standards or the newly drafted standards?

The 2018 science assessment will not change. Once the science standards are approved by the State Legislature, we will begin development of a new assessment aligned to the new standards.

If students has taken a Civics Assessment in another state, will this be accepted?

Yes. Please ensure this is documented on the student transcript as required in the statute.

Is the Compass Assessment still allowed to meet the Graduation Requirement?

No, the Compass Assessment has been discontinued by ACT and is no longer available. The College Entrance Exam rule has been updated to reflect this change.

Could students take the ALEKS or writing placement test at local college in place of the SAT?

No, this is not an approved College Entrance Exam assessment.

Can you clarify the ten (10) word read correctly rule for the IRI Reading Passages? We have been having the proctors not go onto the next passage if less than ten words are not read correctly. Other districts say as long as they read one word correct out of the ten, then the student moves to the next passage.

If the passage that is read is so hard that the student reads less than 10 words correctly in one (1) minute, discontinue administration of any other passages from that level and use the WRC score.

Do seniors who transfer from another state have to take the End-of-Course (EOC) Science Assessment?

The Participation rate for science is calculated based on the students enrolled in grade 12 on the first Friday in May that have completed a science assessment sometime in grade 10, 11 or 12. If a student transferred in from out of state, you can submit an appeal during the participation rate appeals window, so long as you provide a copy of the students test result.

Often students in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade are taking Biology. It would be nice for the students to take the EOC Science. Can this be possible?

Unfortunately, participation in science EOC can only be counted for assessments taken in grades 10, 11 or 12, as required under ESSA.

Can you review the new rule exemption for PSAT/SAT?

A student that is eligible for the alternate assessment is exempt from participation in the College Entrance Exam. A student that transfers in from out of state in their senior year are exempt, but if they want to participate, the senior can take the SAT on SAT test day. Other extenuating circumstances may be submitted to the Assessment Department. Please refer to the College Entrance Exam web page on the SDE website for more information.

Does the SDE have a handy due dates for the PSAT and SAT document that could be shared?

Yes, the SDE has a Key Dates handout for the SAT. The PSAT does not have a handout since the assessment has passed. The SAT Key Dates document has been emailed to SAT Test Administrators and District Test Coordinators. This document has also been posted on the [College Entrance Exam](#) webpage under Resource Files.